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ANOTHER FAMILY ROW.

Mr. Crane's indignant statement puts a new issue squarely up to President Taft. If this statement, probably not paralleled in the history of American diplomacy, remains unimpached, the President cannot accept Mr. Crane's resignation without leaving behind the general impression that his appointee has been very shabbily treated.

Did President Taft tell Minister Crane to go to all the public meetings and dinners he could? Did he say: "Do not miss any of them, and when you go to one, insist on speaking and let them have it red-hot?"

Mr. Crane's flat-footed statement carries with it the conviction that he did. Yet if the President did say this, we do not see how he can have any quarrel with Mr. Crane.

Apparently Mr. Taft's ability as a great harmonizer has been a good deal overrated. Not to mention the sharp split that has taken place in his party since his inauguration, this is the second serious break inside his official family within two months.

There is no doubt, of course, that he has been in touch with Secretary Knox, and very little that the secretary's recommendation here will be promptly accepted.

When Dr. Cook returned out of the silent north claiming the discovery of the pole and affirmed that two Eskimos who had been with him would corroborate his story, Mr. Peary's exasperated friends made no attempt to conceal their disgust.

Now Mr. Peary, after many deliberate days, asks us to believe that Dr. Cook is both liar and fool on the unsupported testimony of these same two Eskimos.

why we say, with no intention in the world of reflecting on Peary's veracity, that it proves too much.

Few educated American youths of twenty years, with a good average knowledge of geography, could sledge many hundreds of miles around in the Arctic circle, and upon their return trace the exact course they have traveled upon a map.

No American youth, and few Americans of any age, could take the meandering sledge journey here described and carry the course of it in perfect detail in their heads.

How could these two take Peary's map, possibly the first they had ever seen, months afterward, and trace Cook's whole journey upon it down to the very point where he found the duck eggs?

If Cook was so besotted as to take two wonderfully clever and scientifically trained Eskimos as observant witnesses of his own insane charlatanism, why, oh, why, would he leave them full in the path of the very man he had most to fear of all on earth?

Cook last night explained the story of the two Eskimos, as he has explained it before, by saying that he had told them positively not to tell Peary that they had been to the pole.

Lord Kitchener plagiarize somebody else's after-dinner speech? Impossible. After-dinner speeches are all just alike, and all of them are everybody's meat.

"Editor's son files 600 feet," says the headline. Anything to get away from Old Subscriber.

A lone robber held up an express company office in Seattle and bagged thousands. In this connection it may be interesting to note that it always takes from seventeen to 100 robbers to hold up an express office in Resolute Richmond, where the scoundrels live.

Mr. Cobb and Mr. Wagner are invited to consider the amazing batting average of the Richmond October.

It is said that the White House is infested with lively and rambunctious mice. And why not? Everybody knows what to expect when the cat's away.

At the next State Fair we trust that the management will engage Mr. Haley to come and exhibit that little old comet of his.

Borrowed Jingles

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Scott's Emulsion the standard Cod Liver Oil preparation of the world. Nothing equals it to build up the weak and wasted bodies of young and old.

Reported Engagement to Prince Romanoffsky Wildly Improbable.

IN LINE TO THE THRONE European Gossip Over Romance Which Isn't Taken Seriously.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY. MUCH nonsense is being printed just at present concerning the intended marriage of Prince Alexander Romanoffsky for the pretty Miss Marjorie Gould.

Under ordinary circumstances, as a morganatic wife, she would be barred from the Russian court, and if she were admitted, she would be committed to an inferior position.

It is possible, but not probable, that the Emperor might give his permission for a marriage on a footing of equality.

Some Questions for Captain Kent. What method would the candidate suggest in the purchase of school furniture?

Comments on Conditions in the Democratic Party. Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir—Let us hope that the weak opposition in the party in the present campaign may not foster the idea that no reforms are necessary.

JUDGE MOODY'S ILLNESS. Sick Justice Has Been Safe and Sound, It Was Brilliant.

IF IT DISAPPEARS, IT'S ECZEMA

How to Tell Whether a Skin Affection is an Inherited Blood Disease or Not. Sometimes it is hard to determine whether a skin affection is a sign of a blood disorder or simply a form of eczema.

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